

## Paying for health insurance reform

I understand that many of you are concerned about our ability to pay for this plan. You should know that outside economists and the independent Congressional accounting office (CBO) have determined that **health reform is fully paid for and should *reduce* the deficit by \$138 billion in the first ten years and by \$1.2 trillion in the second ten years**

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Health reform is paid for by:

- Cutting waste, fraud and abuse in Medicare and Medicaid,
- Taxing investments made by individuals who make more than \$200,000 or families that make more than \$250,000 a year,
- Creating more competition, and
- Ending the need for cost-shifting from those without insurance to paying customers.

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